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SUBJ: SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE - ISRAELI PRACTICES IN
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

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1. SUMMARY: NINE MORE STATEMENTS WERE MADE IN GA SPECIAL
POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC) NOV 29 ON ISRAELI PRACTICES IN
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. EC-9 EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SITUATION
AND OPPOSITION TO CERTAIN ACTIONS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES BUT
EMPHASIZED NEED FOR EARLY RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS AND
COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION OF ME PROBLEM AS WHOLE. OTHER SPEAKERS
SUPPORTED, WITH VARYING DEGREES OF ENTHUSIASM, REPORT AND
CONCLUSIONS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

2. STATEMENTS ON ISRAELI PRACTICES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WERE
MADE IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S SPC NOV 29 BY NETHERLANDS (FOR EC-9),
MAURITANIA, BANGLADESH, ALGERIA, ZAMBIA, AFGHANISTAN, GREECE,
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TURKEY AND CYPRUS. IN BALANCED STATEMENT, AMB QUARLES VAN UFFORD

(NETHERLANDS) EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER TENSE SITUATION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS GROUNDS AND BECAUSE OF ITS IMPORTANCE FOR ME SETTLEMENT PROSPECTS. HE NOTED NINE'S SUPPORT FOR APPLICABILITY OF FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION AND OPPOSITION TO CHANGES OF PHYSICAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTER IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, ESPECIALLY CREATION OF SETTLEMENTS, AND OPPOSITION TO MOVES TO ALTER STATUS OF JERUSALEM. HE SAID EC-9 BELIEVED OCCUPYING POWER UNDER GENEVA CONVENTION MAY REASONABLY TAKE CERTAIN MEASURES IN EXERCISE OF RESPONSIBILITIES. NO CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE IN RELIGIOUS STATUS OF HOLY PLACES, HE SAID, NOTING "WITH SATISFACTION" ISRAEL'S ASSURANCES THAT FREE ACCESS TO HOLY PLACES WOULD BE MAINTAINED. HE CITED PAST EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN OVER QUNEITRA, NOTED CONCLUSION OF REPORT THAT DESTRUCTION LARGELY DELIBERATE, AND SAID NINE WOULD "PAY EQUAL ATTENTION TO ANY OBSERVATIONS ON THIS REPORT MADE BY REPRESENTATIVES IN THIS COMMITTEE." HE REPEATED PAST RESERVATIONS RE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND AUTHORITY OF ITS REPORT IN LIGHT OF INSUFFICIENT ACCESS TO FIRST HAND MATERIAL. HE CONCLUDED THAT HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM COULD NOT BE SOLVED WITHOUT COMPREHENSIVE ME SOLUTION ON BASIS OF FOUR ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN AMB KAUFMANN'S PLENARY STATEMENT NOV 18 AND THAT OCCUPATION SHOULD COME TO END IN CONTEXT OF JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT. HE URGED EARLY RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS AND APPLICATION OF POLICIES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES THAT WILL NOT MAKE THIS MORE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE.

3. REPS OF MAURITANIA, BANGLADESH AND ALGERIA ALL CONDEMNED ISRAELI PRACTICES AND POLICIES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AS SET FORTH IN SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT. IN REFERENCE TO ISRAELI STATEMENTS ON ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENTS, BANGLADESH ASSERTED THAT MATERIAL BENEFITS ARE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR FREEDOM. IN STATEMENT GENERALLY CRITICAL OF ISRAEL, ZAMBIA CONDEMNED ISRAELI COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH SPECIAL COMMITTEE' SUGGESTION THAT THE UN TAKE STEPS TO END THE OCCUPATION. AFGHANISTAN FOUND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT GOOD GOUNDS FOR CONCERN OVER "ALARMING SITUATION" IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND CONSIDERED THERE WAS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR APPLYING MILITARY REGULATIONS TO INHABITANTS THERE.

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4. GREECE REGISTERED CONCERN OVER ISRAELI CHANGES IN THE TERRITORIES AND ACTS DESIGNED TO PREVENT THE RETURN OF LOCA INHABITANTS. HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS COULD BE SOLVED, HE SAID, ONLY THROUGH END OF OCCUPATION. HE OPPOSED ABSORPTION OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES INTO ISRAEL. TURKEY CITED THE RECENT SC CONSENSUS AND AGREED THAT CERTAIN ISRAELI MEASURES WERE AN OBSTANSEL TO PEACE. SHE CRITICIZED SETTLEMENTS CURFEWS, MASS ARRESTS, EXPLUSIONS, DEMOLITIONS, MISTREATMENT OF DETAINEES

AND DEPLORED TENDENCY TOWARD AN ANNEXATIONIST POLICY. SHE REITERATED STRONG OPPOSITION TO ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE, ACTS AGAINST HOLY PLACES, AND ACTS TO CHANGE STATUS OF JERUSALEM. CYPRUS SUPPORTED THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT AND EXPRESSED ANXIETY OVER ISRAELI ACTIONS AND SUPPORT FOR MEASURES TO END THE CURRENT SITUATION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

5. KUWAIT, ISRAEL AND SENEGAL ARE INSCRIBED TO SPEAK NOV 30. RESOLUTIONS ON GENEVA CONVENTION AND ON SETTLEMENTS HAVE BEEN TABLED WITH SECRETARIAT AND ARE TO BE INTRODUCED NOV 30. IF OMNIBUS AND QUNEITRA RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AS WELL, VOTE WILL PROBABLY BE DEC 1, BUT IT MAY NOT BE SCHEDULED UNTIL DEC 2.
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